

**Mecklenburg County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Regular Meeting  
May 31st, 2018**

**Members Present:** Terri Stowers, Wanda Douglas, Keith Cradle, Gene Lim, Kevin Poirier, Sonya Harper, Heather Taraska, Darrell Gregory, Noel Thomas-Lester, Beverly Dorn-Steele, Ryan Atkinson, Russell Price, Denise Steele-Campbell, Deandre Dukes, Darryl Johnson, Brittney Bogues, Ashleigh Fields

**Staff Present:** Scott Stoker, Elizabeth Swann

**Guests Present:** Becky Smith- Barium Springs, Shavonda McClure-Tresports, Miriam Pearson-CMPD Youth Diversion, Shannon Chambers-SHIFT, Jonelle Giulianelli-DASH, Adrian Scriven-J14YCSC, Tammie Cook- ULCC, Sally Deitchman-Life Connections-DASH, Robert Reynolds-Tresports, Matt Simon- Thompson In-Home/Court Assessment

*Members Absent:* Cotrane Penn, Scott Littlejohn, Sarah Greene, Lou Trosch, Anna Marsicano

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the Chair Terri Stowers. Quorum was established.

**Review and Approval of April 19, 2018 Minutes:** Terri allowed council members to review the minutes. Darrell Gregory moved to approve the minutes. Denise Steele-Campbell seconded. The council unanimously approved the minutes as presented

**Welcome**

JCPC Chair Terri Stowers facilitated introductions of JCPC Council members

**Announcements / Reminders**

The attendance requirement is now 65% of all regularly scheduled committee meetings.

The inclusion of special and assigned subcommittee meetings is no longer applicable, its 65% of all regularly scheduled meetings. There are no excused absences. Members cannot miss three consecutive regularly scheduled committee meetings.

**Action Item: CMPD Diversion-Budget Revision**

The reason for the budget revision is to reallocate funds from salary and fringe benefits lines due to overage of \$5,681 resulting from an increase in C. Patterson's salary which didn't take effect until March 2018. There was a 5% increase for Spanish incentives, there is an overage of 401K benefits, health insurance and FICA, the funds are allocated to various line items such as

- uniforms for diversion staff, education, medical for diversion participants, feminine hygiene products, onsite Spanish lessons for staff, office supplies
- incentives for diversion participants, hand sanitizers, wipes.
- fuel and maintenance, telecommunications-phone data plan, printing for publications into Spanish.

Darrell Gregory made a motion to approve the budget revision for CMPD. Ryan Atkinson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously for a budget revision.

### **Action Item: SHIFT-Budget Revision**

The reason for the budget revision are contracted service adjustment and line item adjustments

- reallocation of contract personnel expenses to line item 190
- reduction in costs incurred by program due to corporate donations
- increase in fuel costs and transportation provided, increase in costs beyond initial projections
- increase in supplies needed, costs for conference slightly exceeded original budget. Parking was incorrectly budgeted under 490
- increase in items included for costs incurred that were an oversight in original budget
- increase cost for data processing systems, addition of professional payroll and tax filing system
- reduction in cost incurred for accounting due to addition of payroll system and responsibilities covered by program director
- increase office space required for staff, program documentation, security of client files
- increase of insurance due to addition of automobile coverage
- decrease in parking costs should have been budgeted to line item 310
- decrease in line item 510 from laptops gifted to program from Modern Impressions

Gene Lim made a motion to approve the budget revision. Wanda Douglas seconded. Motion was approved unanimously for a budget revision

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Terri Stowers and Wanda Douglas have accepted to complete another term in their roles as JCPC Chair and Vice Chair. The floor is open for any other nominations for Chair or Vice Chair. There were no nominations from the floor, Keith Cradle nominated Terri Stowers for Chair and Wanda Douglas for Vice Chair. Gene Lim made a motion to approve the nominations. Heather Taraska seconded the motion, no one opposed.

### **Action Item: Scoring RFP's**

There were seven applications submitted for scoring. One application wasn't scored because a county disqualifier was not included, three funding members were in attendance, five members are on the committee. After averaging the scores, two programs didn't meet the minimum score of 11, which were YDI Afterschool and Project 658. The scores are listed from highest to lowest.

- Thompson In-Home- 14
- Thompson Court Assessment- 13.65
- J14YCSC- 12.33
- YDI Family Life Skills- 12

### ***Thompson In-Home Intervention- Matt Simon , Clinical Director***

Thompson is a joint commission accredited nonprofit organization in Charlotte, founded in 1886 as an orphanage in uptown Charlotte. Thompson offers a comprehensive array of services ranging from clinical (outpatient, community based and residential) to education (5-star child development center and early childhood intervention). Thompson's leadership has more than 60 yrs of combined juvenile justice experience. The In-Home intervention teams will be a DJJ exclusive mental health service that provides both therapy intervention as well as management support for the uninsured and underinsured families. The In-Home intervention team will be fully bilingual, and the hours of operation will be based around

the family's needs. The In-Home intervention team will maintain constant communication with JJ staff and attend court proceedings to support their families.

- Breakdown of the number of youths to be served?  
Minimum of 30 youths served in FY18-19
- What is your plan for Raise the Age  
The modalities used by the In-Home intervention teams to impact change with these youth and families are researched to be equally effective with older adolescents. Any additional youth brought into the system via raise the age would equally benefit from this service
- The cost per youth served?
- \$9,555 per youth for four months of intensive treatment

**Discussion:** This program is more modeled after the in-home therapy service definition session which is a two-member team as opposed to three, there will be differences in the type of intervention. This is exclusive to uninsured and underinsured people. Underinsured represents families who may have insurance, but their insurance doesn't cover this type of care. Coverage is available for outpatient services and hospitalization, it doesn't cover intensive intermediate type of care. There is no billing for mental or psychiatric. Thompson has liability insurance to cover their therapists.

There is currently no data on the uninsured or underinsured youths being served.

***Thompson Court Assessment - Matt Simon, Clinical Director***

The Court Assessment Program has supported Mecklenburg County DJJ for over 10 years with the assistance of JCPC funding. The Court Assessment program has provided hundreds of assessments and evaluations for youth in DJJ who otherwise wouldn't have accessed these services. Dr. Becky Smith and Kristi Kennedy have been a foundational clinical support for juvenile justice staff. The Court Assessment program is one of the only clinical services that is co-located within DJJ and provides services regardless of insurance. The court team does high quality clinical assessment, a process of standardized testing, clinical interviews, collateral contact of what's going on with the youth to provide tangible, thoughtful recommendations. The program is highly flexible and can provide treatment while the youth is in detention.

- How is the program going to use the funding?  
The funding will cover salaries, benefits, testing materials, clinical supervision and administrative support.
- Breakdown of the number of youths to be served?  
Minimum of 72 youth in FY18-19
- What is your plan for Raise the Age?  
The assessment & evaluation tools and processes have equal efficacy with older adolescents, therefore this program would be able to seamlessly expand after raise the age occurs.
- The cost per youth served?  
\$3,242 per child

**Discussion:** The current changes being made to the program is to support more thoroughly and provide more oversight. The court assessment team is seeking to make the referrals more effective and streamline and to monitor the numbers more rigorously throughout the year. Kevin Poirier requested at the end if data can be provided as to what programs are recommended.

***J14 Young Adult Experience Program- Adrian M. Scriven*** Chief Operating Officer

The J14 YCSC program will have a major goal in enabling youth to build confidence and self-esteem to prove their opportunities to become productive citizens serving their communities. J14 YCSC will serve youth ages 12-17, selected Level I adjudicated juveniles with a score of medium/high risk or a medium high need. J14 YCSC proposed program will provide evidence-based /supported approaches for the community-based intensive services for the target population of juveniles and their families. J14 YCSC will fill in the gaps in the service delivery continuum within the local community. The program offers multi service components that are therapeutic, and family focused while addressing the needs of the target population with flexibility

- What is new or different for the upcoming year?  
To use our parenting and family rejuvenation efforts to ensure the raise the age policy is being discussed in our sessions to assist in pushing this legislation to the public.
- How is the program going to use the funding?  
Personnel expenses of \$58,165 including the Program Director with benefits and two instructional teachers is (61% of total net expenses). Facilities expenses of \$9,180 (including rent, cleaning & maintenance, insurance and security equal 20% of total net expenses. Establish office equipment, supplies, program materials and training. The remaining \$9,276 includes classroom/student materials and student training equipment
- Breakdown of the number of youths to be served?  
30 youth per 45-week sessions
- The cost per youth served?  
\$3,183 per child yearly

**Discussion:** J14 YCSC is located on Stonewall street occupying a shared lease with a company called Regis. The location will be on a rent needed basis and will maintain a 15:1 classroom ratio teacher to youth. The rental area will be secured with a badge within a separate location from other residents. Staff will help to identify youth who are participating in gang activity and will take steps to reduce gang involvement and other anti-social behaviors. Questions revolve around: rental space, secured files, security, program implementation regarding a therapeutic component, reaching out to court counselors for referrals.

***Youth Development Initiatives,***

Youth Development Initiatives Inc. (YDI) is a Charlotte, NC-based non-profit organization that strives to lead the way in insuring all youth live in stable and caring communities where they receive meaningful education, develop vital life skills, and engage in essential relationship-building opportunities that ultimately result in fair and equitable economic realities. YDI also offers powerful training modules for parenting/family skill building, mentoring programs, teacher/youth worker in-service workshops, juvenile diversion initiatives. YDI's proven Life Management Guidance curriculum and project-based program methods are based on evidence-based practices and widely-recognized research. YDI training and program models are appropriate for any adolescent-aged youth, but participants typically are referred to the program by juvenile court counselors, school resource officers, or guidance counselors because of adjudications, behavioral issues, and/or low academic performance. Participants receive life/job skills

training, career/college planning, and financial literacy education to help them stay in school, improve their grades, miss fewer days in school, and improve their overall decision making.

- Breakdown of the number of youths to be served?  
3 sessions of 35 clients each (10 juveniles/10 parents)
- The cost per youth served?  
\$1,129 per youth

**Discussion:** The facility is located on N. Tryon and by the University area. Youth and parents attend the sessions, so each can better understand how to devise a personal plan of action to reach their goals. YDI also has individualized sessions entitled Making Right Choices and Effective Parenting.

Terri clarified to the council the JCPC statute states you have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to distribute funding if the funds are unallocated. The areas of interpersonal skill building, and parent/family skill building are being served with the currently funded programs such as CMPD Diversion, Tresports and DASH.

Darrell agreed the JCPC council has a sufficient quality of funded programs, his suggestion would be to wait no less than 60 days to see if the other programs require additional needs, there is no need to allocate the funds unless we see a necessity for it. Scott Stoker stated the governor's budget has \$3.4 million additional JCPC funds if it gets approved that would affect Mecklenburg county.

Scott noted the state policy states if the program manager is listed on the agreement, he is required to have a bachelor's degree for state funding. J14 YCSC stated he has no other employees with a bachelor's degree which makes the program ineligible for state funding if he remains the program manager. Deandre Dukes stated it's a capable program, however further implementation must be attained on J14 YCSC's part. Russell made a motion not to fund J14YCSC this fiscal year. Deandre seconded the motion. Sonya Harper and Noel Thomas Lester abstained from voting. The motion carried not to fund J14 YCSC.

Kevin Poirier on the record use to work with YDI Family Life Skills when he was a teacher at West Charlotte High school with the after-school program. Russell added that a few court counselors stated YDI is serving youths thru the school system and not court involved youths. Terri stated the priority is the court involved youths. Darrell emphasized to hold the balance of the allocated funding. Sonya inquired looking at what programs have been funded so far is there a service area that has not been met by the JCPC council. Russell would like to explore a program that deals with Emergency Placement. Sonya stated a RFP can be done for this specific type of service it is an opportunity to pilot something small to explore what services are out there. Sonya made a motion to amend Darrell's motion and to issue an RFP specifically for Temporary Shelter Care for \$147,955, Darrell made a motion to accept the amendment that we create another RFP for \$147,955 specifically for Temporary Shelter Care, Denise seconded. Kevin abstained from voting. Motion was approved unanimously for a RFP for Temporary Shelter Care.

#### **Agenda Item: Reports**

<i>State</i>	no report
<i>County</i>	Terri is scheduled to present to the BOCC to approve the funding recommendation
<i>Monitoring Committee</i>	no report
<i>Risk &amp; Needs</i>	no report
<i>By-Laws Committee</i>	no report
<i>Program Support /Services</i>	no report
<i>Nominating Committee,</i>	no report

***Executive Committee-***

Meck Ed offers support to other nonprofits in supporting the programs to be more successful, meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for executive committee  
no report

***Funding Committee***

There will be no meeting in June and July, the next scheduled meeting will be on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Meeting Adjourned**

Kevin Poirier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brittney Bogues seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

*Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Swann*